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MEDIA ADVISORY

City-County Heroin, Opioid and Cocaine Task Force to issue final report

The City-County Heroin, Opioid and Cocaine Task Force will hold its final meeting and issue its final report and recommendations <u>TOMORROW</u> – Friday, November 30, at City Hall.

For the past 18 months the Task Force has been working to address the community impact of various drugs and ways to curb the fatal and nonfatal overdose epidemic in Milwaukee and Milwaukee County. In late April, the Task Force released its preliminary report that included several initial recommendations, including the development of programs that are in collaboration with the criminal justice system that treat addiction as a disease, while actively working to reduce the availability of illicit substances, to ensure that there is adequate access to timely, affordable and quality services for those people with substance disorders and to enhance collaboration between community-based initiatives and government agencies.

Since it was formed the Task Force has held seven community engagement meetings to gather input on ways to address and solve the problem of drug use and overdoses.

Task Force Co-Chair **Alderman Michael J. Murphy** said Milwaukee County Sheriff-Elect **Earnell Lucas** is expected to attend tomorrow's Task Force meeting.

What: City-County Heroin, Opioid and Cocaine Task Force

When: 9:00 a.m. Friday, November 30

Where: Room 301-B at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.

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